



Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Southern Region Recreation Fee Program

2008 Accomplishment Report



The forests have 23 Recreation sites in the fee program ranging from day use areas, campgrounds with historic cabin rentals, mountain bike trails, OHV trails, and Blanchard Springs Caverns, a world class cave with guided tours.

Your Fees at Work in 2008

Repair, Maintenance, & Facility Enhancement at Blanchard Springs Caverns

- Performed operations maintenance tasks; addressed health and safety issues, including elevator maintenance
- Provided tours and funded tour guides
- Provided information services, infrastructure repairs and routine maintenance
- Provided timely updates to interpretive signs
- Cleaning services at the Visitor Information Center
- Public safety materials and equipment
- Purchased first aid supplies
- Facilitated and hosted a meeting with the public (groups and organizations) to explain the value of the Caverns and address general questions

Visitor Services

- Provided stipends for campground hosts and volunteers
- Performed routine maintenance for items like cleaning fire-rings, clearing roads/camp-sites and litter pick-up
- Purchased new informational signs within the recreation areas
- Provided funding for supplies/furnishings
- Printed new Recreation Opportunity Guides and brochures
- Performed minor landscape duties such as removing weeds/brush around signs or trimming tree limbs within recreation areas and at individual camp-sites
- Purchased supplies/furnishings for the historical rental cabins

Upcoming Fee Projects

- Replace roofs on historic cabins
- Provide campground host stipends
- Rehire seasonal employees
- Contract services for trash removal, grounds maintenance, and cleaning
- Partially fund the training of a reserve law enforcement officer that will work in the fees areas for safety and compliance issues
- Replace worn-out picnic tables, grills, and trash cans
- Upgrade accessible picnic sites

For More Information...

If you would like additional information about the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Recreation Fee Program, contact Gary Knudsen by phone at 479-964-7234.